Rs./Per litre

Location	*MS*	*HSD*	*SKO*	*LPG (Domestic) Rs./14.2 Kg. Cyl.*
Trivandrum	17.38	6.29	2.71	80.15
Pondicherry	15.60	5.37	2.55	70.95

[*English*]

Assistance to Scheduled Tribe Students

1574. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States where there have been a large scale drop-out of Scheduled Tribe students at the school level;

(b) the main reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to help those students to continue their studies?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A Statement showing the details of drop-outs of Scheduled Tribe Students, State-wise, is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The main reasons are-

i) Children are required to work to supplement the family income or otherwise assist their parents;

ii) Girls have to attend to house hold choros and look after the siblings;

iii) Schools have inadequate facilities and insufficient instructional material;

iv) Roluctant and in different attitude of parents.

(c) (i) Provision of incentives such as scholarships, uniforms, textbooks attendance scholarships, provision of mid-day meals, residential schools, hostel facilities etc;

(ii) Improvement of facilities in primary schools under the scheme of Operation Blackboard;

(iii) Programmes of non-formal education for those who cannot attend whole day schools,

(iv) Opening of Ashram Schools for ST boys and girls.

STATEMENT

	State/Union Territory	*Primary*	*Middle*	*Secondary*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	68.84	88.64	1.90
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	64.47	77.89	86.53
3.	Assam	64.47	77.27	77.46

	State/Union Territory	*Primary*	*Middle*	*Secondary*
4.	Bihar	72.33	86.60	91.80
5.	Goa*			
6.	Gujarat	63.72	78.84	88.23
7.	Haryana	—	—	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	36.81	39.99	69.79
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	—
10.	Karnataka	43.83	66.90	78.32
11.	Kerala	18.69	46.48	74.54
12.	Madhya Pradesh	55.93	71.39	86.07
13.	Maharashtra	63.24	78.93	87.03
14.	Manipur	77.57	85.35	85.91
15.	Meghalaya	77.82	90.42	92.66
16.	Mizoram	38.79	43.99	77.53
17.	Nagaland	35.55	61.22	88.01
18.	Orissa	74.26	86.59	90.77
19.	Punjab	—	—	
20.	Rajasthan	76.63	78.71	84.54
21.	Sikkim	60.25	56.95	89.59
22.	Tamil Nadu	37.91	39.21	77.67
23.	Tripura	77.40	83.93	87.30
24.	Uttar Pradesh	54.73	59.92	76.49

State/Union Territory	*Primary*	*Middle*	*Secondary*
25. West Bengal	64.56	85.09	89.10
26. A & N Islands	4.07	40.12	46.14
27. Chandigarh	—	—	
28. D & N Haveli	43.89	76.80	93.52
29. Daman & Diu	21.74	57.02	93.06
30. Delhi	—	—	—
31. Lakshadweep	4.73	50.22	67.06
32. Pondicherry —	—	—	
Total	65.21	980.01	887.62

* Included in Daman & Diu.

Development of Hybrid potato seeds

1575. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to develop a new variety of hybrid Potato seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the places in the country where these potatos are likely to be grown?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Developing hybrid potato seeds is a continuous process. Two families viz. HPS 1/13 and TPS -3 of true potato seed were recommended for release in August,1991.

(c) These can be grown in the potato growing areas of the country specially in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa , North Eastern Region, Gujarat , Southern Bihar and West Bengal.

Investment by ONGC in Southern Areas

1576. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount proposed to be invested by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission for exploring oil and natural gas and drilling of wells separately in the southern region during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the time by which the concerned projects will be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Eighth Plan outlays have not been finalised.

(b) Does not arise.